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HOW "GOOD" PEOPLE ARE TRYING THE WRONG WAY TO MAKE "BAD" PEOPLE "GOOD"

There are many organizations in Chicago composed of well-meaning men and women who are doing the best they know how to better social conditions, and to cure poverty, disease, crime and vice.

Just now they are fighting against segregation of the social evil.

That's all right so far as it goes, but it doesn't go deep enough. It may do some good, but it is treating the effect and ignoring the cause.

We hear much about regulating and abolishing the social evil, but little or nothing about how to rescue unfortunate women from that life, or how to keep others from entering it.

And we hear mighty little about the causes that make girls go wrong.

Concerning rescue and reform, the report of the Chicago Vice Commission says:

"An investigation was recently made into the living conditions of 200 respectable working girls, not one among them vicious or immoral, and it was found that only six per cent of them had control of their own wages. The rest were obliged to help relatives, either in the home or out of it. The average wage of these 200 women was \$6 to \$10 a week.

"It goes without saying that if you have conditions which make living with comfort impossible for any large number of men and women, some of the men will become criminals and some of the women prostitutes.

"The low wages paid, the fact that in nearly all the employments open to women, the maximum wage is \$10 to \$15 a week, and the average wage about \$6, the lack of skill, the exacting demands, especially in the department stores, for good dressing, the long hours of standing, and the extra fatigue which girls must endure at certain periods, insanitary conditions under which girls work in factories—all these have a powerful effect on a woman's or girl's nerv-